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Making the grade
SGA will supply Scantrons and Blue Books during finals week **page 9A**



Finding a niche
Quirky hangouts on campus give students a sense of place **page 1B**

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Money needed to expand facilities

Space study concludes millions required to accommodate enrollment hikes

By SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

Western needs almost \$769.5 million. But no one knows where the money will come from.

It's recommended that Western spend \$769,409,960 to expand the university enough for the 2020 enrollment projections.

The total amount of money state universities would be expected to spend across the state is \$6,466,366,050.

There are currently no plans for how state institutions and Kentucky's government would be able to pay necessary improvements.

The Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education conducted a facility condition assessment and space study project for all the state-funded universities in Kentucky.

The study will help state-funded universities make the renovations and replacements that are needed to improve higher education.

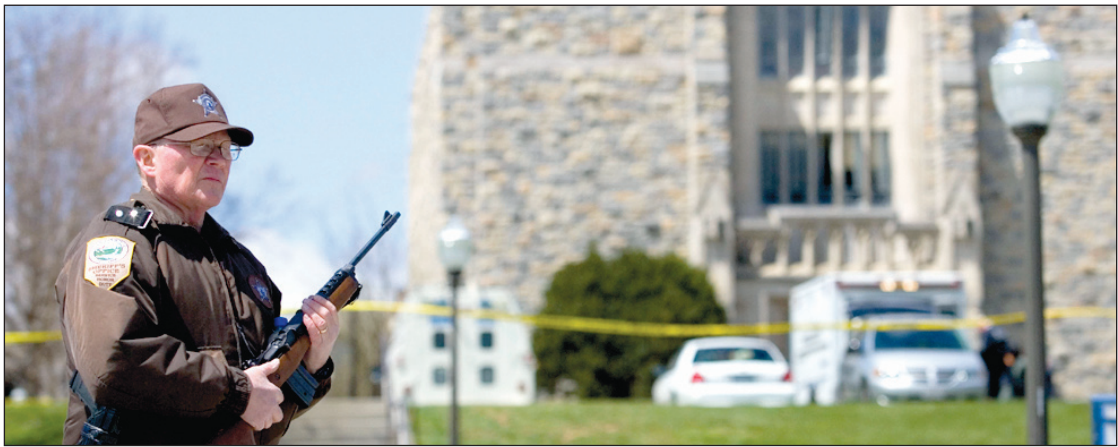
CPE decided to have those assessments done to develop an idea about what condition university facilities are in, said Sherron Jackson, assistant vice president for finance and equal opportunities.

In November, CPE will make its recommendation for the state's 2008-10 budget contribution to higher education institutions based on the studies, he said.

The study was done by three independent agencies, Paulien and Associates, VFA and National Center for Higher Education Management Systems. The results were presented at the April CPE meeting.

The three things looked at in the study were a facilities assessment that would identify the condition of buildings, a space adequacy assessment and a space assessment to see if universities

A space study recommended that Western spend \$769,409,960 to expand the university enough for the 2020 enrollment projections.



(Top, Bottom) Scott McIntyre/Herald, (Middle) Photo submitted by Josh Armstrong

(Top) **Sara Neumann and Miranda Martin**, sophomores at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, sat at the War Monument at their school. (Middle) An armed officer waits outside on campus. (Bottom) President Bush speaks at Virginia Tech in wake of the tragedy on campus.

Time for action

University officials to discuss campus safety Friday

By COREY PAUL AND MICHAEL HALL ♦ HERALD REPORTERS

BLACKSBURG, VA. — Two sophomores sat in silence on the ledge of the War Monument and Chapel. They looked at the Drillfield — quiet.

It was April 17, nearly a day since the first shootings had ripped through their campus, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, leaving 33 people dead. The tragedy's effects were spilling well beyond campus boundaries.

Now, it's been more than a week, and there's speculation in the media about what more could've been done to prevent the deaths of those killed in its wake.

Some criticized the university's communication to the students — its delay in canceling classes and informing students of the first shootings, which happened two hours before the others.

Others criticized campus security.

But some Virginia Tech students, such as Steve Smith, a junior from Blacksburg, Va., feel differently.

"I really don't think we can change a whole lot with regards to security," Smith said.

Though counting two friends among the victims, one injured and the other killed, he's not quick to place blame.

"Something like this is like the lottery, just a freak occurrence," Smith said.

Since, Western and other universities are evaluating how to avoid similar tragedies closer to home.

Friday, the Board of Regents will discuss security improvements at Western, President Gary Ransdell said.

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Regents to vote on project priorities

Board might approve \$253 million in state money for construction during next two years

By KATIE BRANDENBURG
Herald reporter

In April, many students start planning for the fall semester.

But on Friday, the Board of Regents will make plans for 2014.

The board will vote on Western's six-year capital construction plan at its April meeting.

The list includes a request for about \$253 million in state money for the 2008-10 biennium and \$150 million in agency bonds and university contribution, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

There are 16 projects for which state money is requested, Ault said. He said Western usually gets from \$100 to \$150 million from the state for projects.

The number of projects approved usually depends on the size of the projects, he said.

The capital plan includes requests for more than \$51 million for a replacement for the Gordon Ford College of Business building and more than \$19 million for renovating Helm-Cravens Library.

One issue that has pushed some projects down on the priority list is that Western's vetoed projects from the last biennium budget have not been reinstated as was expected, Ault said.

"We basically put those back on the top of the list," Ault said.

Board of Regents action items:

- ♦ Faculty emeritus appointments.
- ♦ A graduate certificate program in autism spectrum disorders.
- ♦ A minor in investigative biotechnology.
- ♦ A minor in sales.
- ♦ The revised vision, mission, and statement of purpose.
- ♦ A six-year capital construction plan.
- ♦ Authorization to purchase lots two and three of Colonial Court
- ♦ Appointment of a nominating committee for 2007-08 officers of the board.
- ♦ Issuance and sale of general receipts bonds.

Source: Board of Regents' meeting

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Student found dead in Keen

Body taken to medical examiner in Louisville

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Officials are still investigating the death of a student who was found dead in Keen Hall Tuesday.

The coroner's office said more information might be available today.

Nineteen-year-old Jaron M. Kormelink, a freshman from Clarksville, Tenn., was taken Tuesday to the medical examiner's office in Louisville for an autopsy to determine the official cause of death, said Bob Edwards, assistant vice president for university relations.

The medical examiner's office referred all comments to the coroner's office.

A facilities management employee found Kormelink's body at about 1:55 p.m., according to a Western news release.

Many students had noticed a smell coming from the side of the building in which the incident took place, and the employee was trying to find the source of the odor, said Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life.

Kuster said the employee called campus police when he found the source. Kuster didn't identify the employee.

Officials haven't determined what

day Kormelink died, but the coroner will release that information when he learns more, Edwards said.

A preliminary investigation showed no evidence of foul play or use of a weapon, according to the release. Edwards said the incident initially appeared to be a suicide.

However, officials have not yet been able to confirm any other details on the incident.

HRL employees working at the Keen front desk referred all questions to Kuster.

Students on the side of the dorm where the incident occurred were allowed at about 4:20 p.m. to return to their rooms after being denied

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Courtney Hergesheimer/Herald

Marco Hennipman, a freshman from Bilthovuh, Netherlands, talks on the phone while Louisville freshman Gannon O'Dea talks with friends about the death that happened in Keen Hall. O'Dea lives on the third floor of the building, on the same side where the body was found.

On Tuesday

Students will campout in Tennessee to protest forcibly drafting children into the military in Uganda.

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Next Thursday

The Herald takes a look at the mental maturity of high school students, such as those who will live on campus next year.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

- ◆ ValleyPalooza, noon today, the Valley
- ◆ An Evening of Dance 2007, 8 p.m. today, tomorrow, Saturday and Monday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Russell Miller Theatre
- ◆ Earth Days Festival, 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, DUC South Lawn
- ◆ Big Dawg Goat Sales, 6 p.m. tomorrow, Agricultural Exposition Center
- ◆ College 101 Day, 8 a.m. Saturday, DUC Theater
- ◆ Faculty Vocal Recital with Beth Pope and Nancy Cron, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, fine arts center recital hall

a thousand words
Beyond the Hill



Wayne Moore is a simple man. He has been building and painting birdhouses for more than 20 of his 73 years. "I just like to have something to do, something to keep me busy," Moore said. He paints his birdhouses with several different school logos, including Western, the University of Tennessee, the University of Kentucky, and every once in a while, he paints one with a gator on it for Greenwood High School. Moore sells his creations at local yard sales, and sometimes right out of his front yard.

It occasionally takes more than one coat of paint. "If I paid more attention, I wouldn't mess up so much," More said. "But it's OK, sometimes I just have to paint them a couple of times."

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Crime reports

Reports

- ◆ A woman reported on April 24 receiving harassing comments outside of a South Campus classroom. The woman was verbally assaulted and fearing physical violence from the man who was harassing her.
- ◆ Terri Williams, Building Services, reported on April 20 an arson in the third degree at Mass Media and Technology Hall. She reported a hole burned in the elevator with a suspected cigarette lighter. Williams also reported April 23 another hole burned in the elevator at Mass Media. The second hole was just left of the first one. The value of the damage of each burn was \$200.

Arrests

- ◆ Jeremy L. Carpenter, Bowling Green, was arrested on April 23 because there was a warrant for his arrest on charges of failure to appear in court on charges of

- theft by deception. Carpenter was in a car that someone else was driving, and the car was pulled over. The officer discovered there was a warrant for Carpenter. Carpenter was arrested near the intersection of Old Morgantown Road and University Boulevard. He was released from Warren County Jail the same day on a \$1,050 cash bond.
- ◆ Jonathan G. Baxter, Richmond, was arrested April 22 for fleeing or evading in the second degree and alcohol intoxication in a public place in the Mimosa Alley behind Mass Media Hall. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
- ◆ Kenneth T. Giffin III, Tullahoma, Tenn., was arrested on April 22 for careless driving and driving under the influence on Normal Drive. He was released from Warren County jail the same

- day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
- ◆ Megan K. Dawes, Irvine, was arrested on April 22 for fleeing or evading in the second degree and alcohol intoxication in the Mimosa Alley behind Mass Media. Dawes was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
- ◆ Shelby S. Simmons, Franklin, was arrested April 21 for careless driving and driving under the influence on Chestnut Street. He was released from the Warren County jail the same day on a \$700.20 cash bond.
- ◆ Megan M. Willard, Cox's Creek, was arrested April 21 for disregarding a traffic control sign and driving under the influence. The violation occurred at the intersection of Creason Drive and University Boulevard. The arrest was made on State Street. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Correction

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Due to a Herald error, Jeremy Roe's name was misspelled in an article on page seven in the April 24 issue.

Clarification

Michelle Hansen helped to plan the rally about the war in Iraq, but she was not a primary contact person for it.

The contact people are Glasgow junior Cody Alderidge, Glasgow senior Jessica Alderidge and Glasgow junior Robert Ellis.

Also, Roe was protesting the implementation of a timetable for withdrawl from Iraq.

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Academics

Western looks toward adult education field

By NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporter

The word “education” usually evokes thoughts of playgrounds, science experiments and college degree programs.

But adult education is one area of the field that people sometimes forget about.

Starting this fall, Western might offer a graduate program in adult education.

The program would train students to work with adults in the community, at community colleges, in on-the-job training and other various adult education areas, said Jim Berger, assistant professor of special instructional programs.

The degree will consist of 10 courses in the field.

Berger said he thinks this program is needed for Kentucky.

“I think Kentucky is in a prime position to help adults move forward,” he said.

Sam Evans, dean of the College of Education, said Western students who want to go into adult education have to get their master’s in art education with an emphasis on adult education.

Richard Bowker, director of graduate studies, said people in adult education are underserved

in Kentucky.

“I’m excited about the program because adult education is an important target of opportunity for Western,” he said. “There’s a large number of adults that need education.”

Tracy Thornton, a county extension agent for the University of Kentucky in Butler County, will apply to the adult education program for the fall. She works with adults and youth.

Thornton said she doesn’t have an educational background, so this program will give her that. She said she hopes to learn new techniques and how to address all learning styles.

“When I first started, it was hard because I wasn’t in the education field and didn’t know what to expect,” she said.

Janet Johnson also works for the University of Kentucky cooperative extension service. She applied to the program, and she likes it because she can work her job and on her degree.

“It is user-friendly for someone who is actually working out there in the field,” she said.

Morehead State University offers a graduate program in adult higher education. This program includes 30 credit hours and it prepares people to work in a variety of areas, such as postsecondary education and community education, said Jim Canipe, associate professor of adult education.

“Morehead State is known for training and developing teachers throughout the state, and we feel it’s a natural part of the program,” he said.

Some areas in which students take classes are program and curriculum development, principles of higher education and academic and administration problems in higher education, Canipe said.

Canipe said there are online and face-to-face classes.

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access following the discovery of the body.

Campus police referred all questions to Edwards.

Kormelink came to Western in January, Edwards said. He had no roommate.

Kormelink lived in Room 220, which probably will be sealed until the investigation into his death is complete. Personal belongings will be given to his

family, Edwards said.

Kormelink’s family couldn’t be reached for comment.

McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home in Clarksville, Tenn., is handling funeral arrangements. There are no set arrangements yet.

Edwards said Western’s policy for deterring depression in students includes encouraging people to be attentive to those who exhibit signs of depression. Officials use programs such as Academic Transitions Program and Focus on Western to promote those concepts.

Academics

Math and science academy receives \$50K donation

By NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporter

A local company wants to see high school students succeed in math and science.

The Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky has received a donation of \$50,000 from the Reaching Beyond Glasgow Foundation. The money will be split up over five years, \$10,000 for each year.

The foundation is made up of employees from the Glasgow Electric Plant Board. The employees volunteered to deduct money from their payroll to fund the foundation, said Foundation President Amy Hall.

The foundation contributes to various local philanthropic projects and tries to encourage young people to go into math and science.

Academy Director Tim Gott said the donation is in the name of employee and board member Jaime Young, who died during the summer. She got a graduate degree in science and biology from Western, said her sister, Bobby Edwards.

Edwards said Young loved science and working with children.

“This was just a perfect fit to do this in her name,” Edwards said. “This is for the advancement of a lot of the things she believed in.”

Gott said he wants to use the money for a variety of things, such as programming and helping students with activities.

He said he wants to put the last two years’ worth of money in an endowment for student needs.

“This is an amazing thing, that people want to be involved

with the development of the academy,” he said.

Hall said the foundation is set up to help and encourage students interested in science and math. She said that goal is important because it addresses a national need.

“Our country is so far behind the rest of the world in producing engineers and scientists, especially in Kentucky,” she said.

Hall said she heard about the academy on the news and thought it would be a great way to give back.

Billy Ray, secretary of the foundation and CEO of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board, said he thinks it’s neat to be working with the educational end of America’s science and math problems.

He said Kentucky and other states spend a lot of time and money trying to work on the results of the problem with solutions such as attracting businesses.

“I think that the academy gives us the opportunity to work on the root of the problem, rather than on the result,” he said.

Ray said he hopes other companies match the foundation’s contribution to the academy.

Gott said Toyota has given the school \$25,000 for each year, and Ashland Incorporated has given a \$10,000 grant to use for promotional videos. Various other companies and individuals have donated to the school, he said.

Gott said the academy is always looking for more support.

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EDITORIAL

Civic engagement finally catching fire

THE ISSUE: Western has recently been rocked by loud, visible demonstrations about subjects ranging from politics to grading.
OUR VIEW: Well, good! Stepping up on a soapbox is a vital element of any student’s college experience.

Since the beginning of the academic year, the Herald has prodded students to get involved in matters that are crucial to Western, as well as matters that are important to the whole world. We believe that civic engagement is a necessary element of student life on the Hill.

Today’s generation of college students have a duty to prove to their elders that they’re not apathetic and detached from the realities of the world around them. They often are perceived as self-absorbed and uninterested in what goes on outside their apartments or dorm rooms, and there are few things worse than seeing those labels justified.

Now, as the semester is winding down and students are gearing up for finals week, it looks like students are realizing that their voices will be heard if they let them be heard. Western has seen several demonstrations and group efforts that show students taking an active interest in the world around them, whether it’s the campus itself or the Middle East.

Whatever the stand students have on an issue, it’s encouraging to see them actively trying to make themselves heard. It’s not just that they are making efforts to affect policies; they also are finding issues that make them want to get out of their comfort zones and reach out to strangers for help.

Two issues important to Western, the proposed plus/minus grading change and the proposed change to night shifts for building service attendants, sparked enough interest among students to cause demonstrations.

When the University Senate gathered to vote on a grading change, the Student Government Association gathered outside Garrett Conference Center with many students to voice disapproval of the move. Although the protest did little to change the minds of senators, Provost Barbara Burch later rejected the change, citing some of the concerns shared by the protesters.

A protest against the shift change for BSAs is planned for 11 a.m. today outside Wetherby Administration Building. This time, students won’t be defending their own interests, but instead those of staff members they feel are being treated unfairly. Those who attend could prove themselves empathetic toward others.

But it was an issue not directly related to Western that caused the biggest stir. On Monday, students and non-students alike gathered on and near DUC South Lawn for demonstrations regarding the Iraq war. Although the rally was planned by anti-war students, demonstrators who supported the war also showed up.

Another demonstration on the Iraq war is being planned for July 4. It probably will have fewer participants, since it will be during the summer semester, but if this week’s protest is any indication, both sides will have their voices heard.

Now students need to follow through on the promise they have shown by taking their concerns outside the campus. If an issue affects more people than just those on the Hill, concerned students should try writing, calling or e-mailing the offices of their legislators or traveling to Frankfort or Washington, D.C., to let the



authorities hear their views.

Civic engagement is a college learning experience that doesn’t meet in a classroom, doesn’t have a professor and doesn’t show up on a transcript. But it’s an essential part of the college experience, and Western students will be better

prepared for the real world if they continue to make it a part of their schedules.

This editorial represents the majority view of the Herald’s 10-member board of student editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate vote on plus/minus was indeed representative

Your editorial argued that the University Senate should have been more representative with regard to its vote on plus/minus grading. The University Senate voted 36-23 (63 percent) to implement. In a survey of faculty done in Fall ‘06, 68 percent of faculty either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that plus/minus was a good grading system, 58 percent agreed that it improved academic quality, and 55 percent said that they prefer the plus/minus system. I don’t know how much more representative you can get.

Andrew McMichael

Assistant Professor of History

Money to spend? Try fixing leaky dorm roofs

Western Kentucky University’s tuition will be increasing 7.8 percent. Where will that money be going? Oh, just for things like mosaics on the water fountains, useless clocks up behind Garrett, pointless statues strategically placed around campus and to build another side to Smith Stadium to name a few.

But unfortunately, it seems none of this money is being placed where Western students actually need it ... like say, my dorm. I have to pay almost \$1,700 a semester to live in Meredith Hall. Because of sorority requirements, I live on the top floor. Every time there has been a rainstorm, my dorm room floor is flooded with water. Imagine my and my roommate’s dismay when we discovered for the first time that large amounts of water came from our ceiling. This was two years ago!

We immediately put a trash can underneath to temporarily catch it, and then went to fill out a maintenance request promptly. Everything was fine until the next rainstorm, and it happened all over again. Maintenance request after maintenance request, nothing was fixed. Finally, I marched up to Housing and Residence Life myself and demanded something be done. Once again, nothing happened.

I got my parents involved, thinking surely this will scare Western into fixing the problem, since they obviously won’t listen to the students. They examined that there was a hole in Meredith Hall’s roof, right above our room. My mother and father were assured that things would be taken care of promptly, and after a few visits from maintenance people, we thought the leaky ceiling was fixed.

Yesterday’s monsoon just proved otherwise. Not only is the hole in the roof not fixed, there’s an even bigger hole in our ceiling that resulted in three separate trash cans trying to catch all the water. Lucky for us, the hole in the roof is over the walkway and not over a place like our bed or our computers, because if not, we’d really be up a creek.

Tell me why I am paying \$1,700 per semester to Western to live in a dorm room that has a hole in the roof? If Western is jacking up our tuition so much, why can’t they take a few hundred out to fix a freaking hole in the roof? I say put that money where it’s really needed. If not, they’re going to be soon losing a lot of students to cheaper and better housing off-campus.

Amanda Kidd

*Junior
Bowling Green*



by Megan Pond

I came upon the anti-war protest late Monday afternoon ... and the anti-anti-war protest.

As I approached, I noticed a uniformed soldier walking toward Guthrie Tower. The anti-war protesters shouted to him, inviting him to come over. Within minutes, there was a man inches from the soldier’s face and a woman off to the side, yelling and pointing at him.

I couldn’t stand still. I walked over and simply observed out loud that their message was “Supporting the Troops,” yet they were standing there yelling at one. There they were, standing in front of signs promoting support, and they were supplying abuse. The soldier turned and thanked me, but the woman turned to yell at me that I hadn’t been there when the soldier threatened her and the group, that he had told them to get the [expletive] out of his face and that he wasn’t a real man because he said all this while she was holding her child. She further

claimed that she was a veteran and had the right to speak out against her administration, and that this soldier was simply, and I quote, “A bloodthirsty warmonger, just like your president.”

Well, I thought, this group invited this soldier over, he did not simply approach these people. It doesn’t matter what he did or didn’t say because he to has the right to speak his mind, which they invited him to do. The words the soldier allegedly said imply there was someone “in his face” — which to me is more of a threatening action to him than speaking words. Maybe if this woman wasn’t busy hiding behind her baby, like some other groups I’ve heard of, she could see her own faults.

Her husband remained inches from the soldier’s face this entire time, and kept trying to “protect” his wife, even though the soldier stood at least five or six paces from her throughout. To me, it was ironically funny but truly sad that these two protesters sullied the group’s efforts for “peace” and support.

Eventually, one of the protesters took the soldier aside, away from the group, and apologized for his treatment; what she said after that, I am not sure, but I appreciated her effort to stop the confrontation.

I don’t care if you support the war, I don’t care on which side of DUC South Lawn you were on Monday, I don’t care if you have personal experience in the matter, I don’t

care if you’re apathetic. The most important thing to remember in this War on Terror is to value and support our troops — in a real way. Support is undying and unconditional; a soldier disagreeing with an individual’s beliefs is still a soldier who deserves support.

What protesters need to realize is that many soldiers, like the ones I spoke with Monday, may not appreciate support that comes with opposition to their cause; it’s not difficult to comprehend, really. If you were risking your life for a cause you value, whether it be the war, simply serving your country or something else entirely, would you really want support from someone who fights against that cause — or the efforts to succeed in that cause? There is a reason there were more soldiers gathered in group opposing the group that was against the war.

If you’re going to support the troops, you must choose to put away your feelings and support them all the way — support what they are trying to do, support them in the way they wish to be supported. Otherwise, their efforts are truly in vain.

Megan Pond is a senior elementary education major from Milwaukeee.

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TOPS & Bottoms



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Cheers to the staff council for pushing back their election so that it follows the rules, unlike some people we know. We’re looking at you, University Senate.



Bravo to Western for targeting non-traditional students. After all, not everyone comes here just to check out the randomly placed modern art.



Jeers to the faculty regent election being delayed. So now faculty will have to face taxation without representation, or something like that.

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Police

Restraining order filed against Autry defendant

By KATIE BRANDENBURG
Herald reporter

The man acquitted of the murder of a Western student was back in court on Tuesday. District Court Judge Frank Wakefield upheld an emergency protective order filed against Lucas Goodrum, 25, of Aubry, Texas.

Wakefield judged that an act of domestic violence had occurred in the case and might occur again, according to court documents.

Goodrum was also arrested on a charge of third degree terroristic threatening, according to court documents.

Goodrum was acquitted of the murder of Pellville freshman Melissa “Katie” Autry in March 2005.

Autry was raped, sodomized and set on fire in her Poland Hall dorm room May 4, 2003, after

returning from a party at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house.

Goodrum was booked into the Simpson County jail on Tuesday, according to the jail.

He was released after he paid his \$10,000 cash bond.

He has been ordered to stay at least 500 feet away from LaDonna S. Petrich and her family and home, according to court documents. He isn’t allowed to have any communication with her.

Goodrum is also not allowed to own any firearms, to live where firearms are available or to attempt to purchase firearms.

Goodrum’s attorney, Paul Hackworth of Bowling Green, said that requirement is standard in restraining orders.

Kevin Watwood, Petrich’s fiancé, said Goodrum called

him on April 10 and threatened to kill him, according to court documents.

Watwood said that Goodrum made a threatening phone call to Petrich after calling him, and that gunshots were fired during the call, according to court documents.

He will return to court at 8:30 a.m. on May 10 for arraignment on the terroristic threatening charge, Hackworth said.

During the appearance, he won’t have to plead guilty or not guilty, he said.

Hackworth said Goodrum will plead not guilty on that date. The case could result in a jury trial, but those details have not been determined yet, he said.

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He said the vetoed projects are priorities because most of them have already been designed.

The list will be submitted to the Council on Post-Secondary Education and the Legislative Research Commission, Ault said.

Western can change project priorities in July or November if Gov. Ernie Fletcher decides to call a special session of the legislature to address vetoed

projects from the last budget, he said.

Regent Forrest Roberts of Owensboro said she is pleased that the building for the Owensboro extended campus is third on the priority list, because Owensboro is the only extended campus without its own space.

Roberts said teaching space is tight at the Owensboro campus, and there’s no handicap access to the space when the community college is closed.

“It’s just a really bad situation, and that building should have been built years ago,” she said.

Staff Regent Tamela Smith said she expects most motions

to pass, Smith said.

“I really don’t see anything that any of us would be in disagreement about,” she said.

Regents will also be asked to approve the purchase of two new properties at their Friday meeting.

Western is buying lots two and three of Colonial Court for \$105,000, according to the proposal. They are located off of Normal Drive, across from Southwest Hall.

The properties might be used as residences for visiting scholars.

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May 1

3:30pm
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Wednesday
May 2

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Academics

Many components influence textbook prices

BY JESSICA BATES
Special to the Herald

On top of the nearly \$6,000 that Tim and Donna Hannigan spent on college tuition and fees this year, they shelled out another \$700 for a less publicized but costly item — their son Tim’s textbooks.

The Louisville couple said they have spent about \$300 to \$400 each semester that Tim, a senior, has been enrolled at Western. Those costs are consistent with Western’s estimates that a typical student taking a 15-hour course load spends \$225 to \$450 on books each semester.

President Gary Ransdell raised concern over the high price of textbooks earlier this year. He urged the faculty to do what they could to contain the costs.

There are several reasons why books cost so much, but there are ways students can keep the costs down.

Textbook prices almost tripled from 1986 to 2004, rising faster than the rate of inflation, according to a report from the federal Government Accountability Office.

Albert N. Greco, a New Jersey research consultant specializing in the book publishing industry, said a major factor in the high cost of textbooks is the successful used book market, which accounts for 40 percent of the money spent on books, he said.

“If you buy a used Chevy, Chevrolet doesn’t get any money,” Greco said. The book industry is the same. The used-

book market cannibalizes sales, taking away profits from publishers. Publishers have to charge enough money up front, knowing that sales decline over the lifetime of a book, Greco said.

The profit margin is higher for used books, so although used books are cheaper for customers they are more profitable for bookstores, Greco said.

However, critics say publishers are too quick to find new ways to increase the costs of books and cite bundling as one gimmick. This is when publishers add supplementary material to textbooks such as review books, test questions and computer disks to enhance learning.

Forrest Halford, the book department manager at the University Bookstore, said pub-

lishers are coming out with new editions more frequently, hoping that teachers will order the new texts rather than relying on used texts.

Ransdell, in his memo to faculty members, emphasized the importance of professors planning ahead and ordering their textbooks well before the next semester. He asked that selections for the fall be made by April 1.

As of April 3, compliance for the summer classes was 65 to 70 percent and compliance for the fall semester was around 45 percent, Halford said.

Early deadlines offer advantages. When textbook orders are received early, the bookstore can buy back used books and make them available to students for the next semester. If orders

aren’t timely, then students may not be able to sell their books back to Western, even if the same book will be used again.

Mac McKerral, an associate journalism professor and news/editorial journalism program coordinator, puts two copies of textbooks for his classes in the journalism reading room in Mass Media and Technology Hall. Students can use the textbooks for free.

But it’s easier to do this in journalism, partly because the class sizes are often smaller than other disciplines, McKerral said.

In a course like astronomy, it wouldn’t be feasible, said Richard Gelderman, an associate professor of physics and astronomy.

“The biggest difference is, for us, that we use our textbooks

in a different way,” he said. The text is too integral to the way his classes are run, he said.

Some universities, like the University of Kansas and the University of Texas at Austin, have student-run book exchanges, where students buy, sell or trade books with each other without going through a third party.

“The students ought to run a co-op,” Gelderman said. This is the only university he’s worked at that did not have a student-run co-op, he said.

Using this system could help keep prices down, Greco said. “The barter system is the quickest and easiest way to cut costs,” he said.

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Academics

Science-focused homeland security degree a possibility

BY NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporter

The Hill might be getting secure.

There might be a graduate degree available in homeland security starting this spring.

Homeland security basically trains people in threat identity. These people could work in areas such as the government agencies and high-tech companies, said Alex Barzilov, assistant professor of physics and astronomy.

This degree will focus strictly on the sciences, whereas other homeland security degrees focus more on the management aspect of homeland security. It consists of 30 hours of classes in physics, biology and chemistry, Barzilov said.

Barzilov said he’s worked with various agencies and companies and there’s a need for such training.

“The need is out there, and

we need to address this need,” he said.

Richard Bowker, director of graduate studies, said he thinks Western needs to be a responsive university, and this program is a great way to become more responsive.

“I think it addresses a unique national need right now,” he said.

Keith Andrew, department head of physics and astronomy, is involved with the possible homeland security degree.

He said that interest in homeland security has heightened since Sept. 11.

“It’d be nice to have quicker ways to get people through the airports,” he said.

Phil Womble, director of the Applied Physics Institute, is also involved with the possible homeland security graduate degree. He said many homeland security degrees are more focused on crisis management

than strict science.

He said there aren’t as many people in homeland security who know the sciences.

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Job opportunities

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SAFETY

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Possibilities include an emergency text-messaging service and the collection of parents' e-mail addresses for emergency contact, Ransdell said. The board will also discuss broadening Westerns' weather alert system to include other emergencies.

Tragedies like that in Blacksburg are hard to prevent, Ransdell said. Western will work on prevention, but mainly on how to respond.

"But we're not going to go overboard and create tension with a list of unnecessary precautions," Ransdell said.

Housing and Residence Life has been looking into implementing a system to allow students to unlock the front doors of dorms with a card instead of keys, HRL Director Brian Kuster said.

Ransdell said national tragedies naturally cause organizations to evaluate how they would respond.

Maj. Mike Wallace, campus police field operations commander, elaborated.

"Unfortunately, sometimes to get mass change it takes mass crisis to effect that change," Wallace said.

Vanderbilt University in Nashville created a service for students to allow them to receive text messages notifying of emergencies. And the University of Memphis in Tennessee is installing a school-wide intercom system.

At Western, scheduling for two campus police officers to get active shooter training has been ongoing for months, Wallace said.

That will certify the officers to teach other policemen how to respond in case of a shooting.

'It could've happened anywhere'

On the ledge April 17, best friends Sara Neumann and Miranda Martin described the change at Virginia Tech over the past 24 hours — the questions, the growing media presence, and of course, the grief.

Though Neumann and Martin

weren't near the shootings, their day had been filled with calls to their friends to make sure they were alive, and to their families. It was also filled with news programs that showed grim updates.

Martin said she was disgusted by allegations that the university could have acted differently.

Virginia Tech has emergency boxes identical to Western's.

The school has more than 25,000 students spread over more than 2,600 acres, but the campus police to student ratio is lower there than Western.

Virginia Tech had about one campus police officer for every 658 students. Western has about one for every 750.

Dorm security there was fairly lax, with no card needed to enter for most of the day, students said.

"What more can they do?" Neumann said. "Add metal detectors?"

Many, including Neumann, who's from New York, and Martin, who's from Atlanta, said Virginia Tech was, and is, a safe campus.

"It could've happened anywhere," Martin said.

'I just can't see this place as violent'

On April 16, the Drillfield was filled with police, Martin and Neumann said.

As the sophomores gazed at it the morning after, handfuls of students were scattered, outnumbered by swarms of media. Students mostly stuck to groups of close friends to mourn.

The week before the shooting, many students trafficked across its walkways. Some played with a flying disc, or sat on blankets — a scene similar to DUC South Lawn.

Students hung out on Main Street in the evenings, the sophomores said. Spirits were mostly high, except for complaints about the fickle weather.

Not after tragedy struck. Security was tight. The issue of safety was appearing on and off campus.

"I think there's going to be some definite changes," said Christina Archer, a junior at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. "There's probably going to be a lot more campus safety checks and a lot more emphasis on

safety tours."

Door handles in classrooms will likely be changed, said Professor Mark Stremler, who was above the shooting in his office. Classroom doors didn't lock, which was why students had to barricade themselves against the doors to prevent the shooter from entering.

Virginia Tech student Michael Dubai and two friends said on April 17 that they felt safe, even though they still didn't know if they knew anyone that died.

"We have this image of a peaceful place in our heads," said Dubai, a freshman from Newport News, Va. "It will probably stay that way. I just can't see this place as violent."

Virginia Beach freshman John Crouch, whose sister goes to Virginia Tech and was on her way to class at the time of the first dorm lockdown, said security is handled well at Virginia Tech and Western.

Though Crouch said security protocol should be re-examined on all campuses, particularly on large campuses, he is not personally worried about any security flaws.

Amanda Loviza, whose boyfriend attends Virginia Tech, agreed.

"Tech's safety is not really the issue," said the freshman from Midlothian, Va. "This is something that can't be stopped."

The first week back

When Martin returned to class Monday, she saw flowers in three chairs, each one for a classmate killed, she said in a telephone interview.

About 80 percent of Virginia Tech students came back Monday, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Most media cleared by Tuesday, Martin said, but many police officers, even some U.S. Marshals, remained.

By Wednesday, campus tours resumed, Martin said. Many students felt secure.

And people were outside again, lying out, playing frisbee or volleyball, Martin said.

"Nobody I've personally spoken to, or heard about, has said they're not safe here," Martin said.

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Student government

SGA prepares students for finals

By JESSICA VANWINKLE
Herald reporter

If students forget to buy Scantrons or blue books during finals week, they don't have to worry.

The Student Government Association will make sure students are prepared to take their finals.

SGA passed a bill that allots \$500 of its budget to buy Scantrons and blue books for students to use during finals week.

The bill originally only asked for \$100, but President Jeanne Johnson said SGA usually buys highlighters for students and it would take more than \$100 to buy a large amount of supplies.

Pineville sophomore Reagan Gilley, author of the bill, said he wanted to help students in case they forgot to buy supplies.

Gilley said he'll try to have the items passed out in each academic department.

Any leftover money will return

to the SGA general account. Unused supplies will be saved and used next year and will be stored in the SGA main office, where students can pick them up as needed, the bill stated.

In other business:

The Campus Police also visited the SGA meeting Tuesday. Chief of Police Robert Deane and Maj. Mike Wallace addressed members' concerns about campus safety in the wake of the shootings at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Deane said there are plans in place, including sending mass e-mails and notifying resident assistants in case of danger.

Western is looking into a plan to send text messages to students if danger occurred, Deane said.

Deane said students can protect themselves by using common sense. Students shouldn't walk alone at night, and they

should report any suspicious activity to the police, he said.

"We have no problem with students coming to us with rumors," Deane said. "It's our job to investigate the rumors."

SGA also passed a bill to set aside money for Helm Library and Cravens Graduate Center and Library to stay open later during finals week.

Monticello sophomore Lucas Humble, academic affairs chairman, wrote the bill. He said SGA writes and passes similar bills every semester.

The extra hours help students because finals week is hectic for everyone, Humble said.

Humble said he had hoped to extend library hours the week before finals, but there wasn't enough time to make that happen this year.

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Facilities

One company bids on Snell

By SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

Western didn't have much of a choice when it came to who would construct the new Snell Hall.

The bids for Snell came in yesterday, and only one company made an offer to work on the building, Senior Project Manager Ben Johnson said.

The bid was awarded to Abel Construction, he said.

Abel estimated the cost to build Snell at \$25,995,000, which was more than Western had planned to spend, Johnson said.

Johnson said Western budgeted for about \$24 million and will work with Abel to cut costs.

Johnson said he was surprised that a project this large only got one bid, but he's not disappointed that Abel is the only one that made an estimate.

There were seven construction companies that could have bid on Snell, Johnson said.

It's rare for only one company bid on a project, but not unheard of, he said.

A representative for Abel couldn't be reached for comment.

Western has worked with

Abel on construction projects before, the most recent being Schneider Hall and Smith Stadium, Johnson said.

The design was completed about six weeks ago, and Western is expected to break ground on Snell in late May or early June, Johnson said.

Construction is currently being done to relocate several utility, steam and communication lines, he said.

Western previously tore down the walkway between the Thompson Complex North and Central Wings, Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction, previously told the Herald.

Construction of Snell is a part of Western's long-term plan to improve Ogden College.

This plan includes building Snell, renovating Thompson Complex Central Wing, renovating Science and Technology Hall and demolishing Thompson Complex North Wing, the Herald previously reported.

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Softball

Teams jockey for position in Sun Belt

By ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Florida Atlantic, Western and South Alabama all entered within a game of each other in the Sun Belt Conference standings on Wednesday night.

South Alabama did not play an SBC opponent Wednesday night, but defeated Nicholls State 6-4 and 17-1. The Jaguars were swept by FAU in three games earlier this season.

The Lady Toppers will head to South Alabama this weekend for a three-game series that may clear up the picture for who will be the four and five seeds at the Sun Belt Tournament May 9-

12 at Middle Tennessee.

Take cover

Without a full-staffed grounds crew, the Lady Toppers are forced to tarp the field themselves once the rain falls.

When showers reached the WKU Softball Complex during the first game Wednesday, getting the tarp over the field was a total team effort.

Both Western and Florida Atlantic emptied their dugouts to get the field covered.

"They're probably one of the classiest programs in Division-I softball," coach Rachel Lawson said. "They don't want the field to get ruined anymore than we do."

"They're probably one of the classiest programs in Division-I softball."

— Rachel Lawson
coach

In less than five minutes, the tarp was down with sandbags securing it.

The rain delay lasted nearly half an hour.

Singing sweetness

Boston Red Sox fans have made it a tradition to sing Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" in the middle of the eighth inning at Fenway Park.

Lawson recently made "Sweet Caroline" part of the playlist during Western games. The 1969 song is always played in the middle of the fifth inning. Western fans are yet to catch on to the sing-along theme like the fans at Fenway.

"The players enjoy it and the fans enjoy it, too," Lawson said. "We aim to please."

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FACILITIES

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would be ready for projected enrollment increases, said Daniel Paulien, president of Paulien and Associates.

Building conditions are based on a national standard for assessment, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

The average assessment for university buildings across the nation is 18 percent, Paulien said. That means a university needs to spend 18 percent of the current value of a building to improve its quality.

Western's average assessment is 35 percent, Ault said.

He said Western used the data to help prioritize its six-year capital plan.

Western tried to include anything worse than the 35-percent average in its priority list, Ault said.

Jackson said both the state government and universities should be responsible for funding facility needs, but CPE doesn't know how much will be expected from them.

Some Western officials believe it's Kentucky's job to fund the cost of these improvements.

"The state built the buildings; it's not unreasonable for the state to give us money," said John Osborne, associate vice president of campus services and facilities.

Osborne said Western makes sure buildings last as long as they're supposed to.

The study sends a message to legislators.

"I think the main purpose is to help the commonwealth understand the magnitude of this problem," he said.

The study also looked at whether buildings were fit for continued use, Paulien said.

The agencies came to Western in summer 2006 to assess 10 buildings, Facilities Management Director Tom Riley said.

That part of the survey looked at how old some buildings were. Most buildings at comprehensive universities are 31 to 40 years old, only 5 percent were built five years ago or sooner, according to the study.

CPE also conducted a space needs assessment to see how prepared universities are for the projected enrollment in 2020.

This is the projected cost if Western made every renovation and replacement suggested, Paulien said.

CPE wants Western's enrollment to increase to 27,000 by 2020, the Herald previously reported.

Kentucky isn't the only state that has needed to address such issues.

In 2000, North Carolina passed a statewide bond issue, or approval to sell bonds to pay for projects, that raised about \$3 billion, according to a CPE pamphlet.

Arkansas, Florida and Georgia have all set up systematic reinvestment plans to deal with facilities upkeep and capital renewal, according to the pamphlet.

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Spending needs

◆ To fulfill the projected space needs for 2020, state universities would have to spend large amounts of money to make the existing campuses able to handle enrollment.

◆ Here is the total amount of capital needed for comprehensive universities, such as Western:

Eastern Kentucky
\$317,159,920

Western Kentucky
\$769,409,960

Northern Kentucky
\$544,590,170

Morehead State
\$166,350,540

Kentucky State
\$117,137,980

Murray State
\$109,632,110

Source: Space Assessment Survey by Paulien and Associates, VFA and National Center for Higher Education Management

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Western struggled to stop Fishback. She hit another solo home run in the top of the fifth inning to put the Owls ahead 4-3.

"I pitched to a girl I shouldn't have pitched to and that was my mistake," Kempf said.

Western didn't stay down for long.

Smith hit a two-run home run to center field to put the Lady Toppers up by one.

Smith finished 2-3 with two runs and three RBIs.

"I had some good at bats and some bad at bats, I'm just glad I

could produce when we needed it," Smith said.

FAU responded, as freshman shortstop Blair Bodenmiller tied the game on an error by freshman shortstop Ashley Contreras.

In the sixth inning, Fishback drove in freshman designated hitter Ambar Jones with a single up the middle. Fishback finished 4-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

"I felt they did a much better job executing; they did a good job hitting the ball where it was pitched," Lawson said.

The top two hitters in the SBC, Horesky and freshman catcher Rachelle Boucher, struggled at the plate, going a combined 1-5 in the game.

"We need to have the

defense, and pitching and hitting there," Kempf said, "We need to have it all together."

Game one's starters featured two of the top four pitchers in the SBC in Kempf and FAU senior Jen Musillo.

Both teams traded just one hit through the first four innings.

Kempf gave up the late run: a single by junior catcher Charlotte Baird that went over the head of sophomore center-fielder Sam Cronk to score Amber Barton in the top of the seventh.

The Lady Toppers look to avoid the sweep today at 3 p.m at WKU Softball Complex.

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MAGLEY

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Magley spent the past two seasons at forward for the Lady Rams in which she averaged 9.1 points and 4.7 rebounds per game and made 40 starts. Rhode Island went a combined 14-43 over the last two seasons.

This season, Magley scored a career-high 23 points in the Lady Rams' 68-52 loss to Saint Joseph's in the first round of the Atlantic-10 Conference Tournament.

Magley scored in double figures on 12 other occasions as

a Lady Ram, including three double-doubles.

"I want to fulfill my potential and play my best," Magley said. "I want to be able to play well as a team and bring us to the highest finish as possible."

In high school, Magley scored 3,514 points at Bradenton Christian School, the third highest total in Florida high school history. She finished her prep career as the leading rebounder in state high school history, with 1,947. She averaged 25.6 points and 11 rebounds in her senior season.

Magley will finish the spring semester at Rhode Island and enroll on the Hill in the summer. She will have two seasons of

eligibility remaining after sitting out next season because of NCAA Division I transfer rules.

"(Jessica) is very vocal, very energetic," Rhode Island assistant coach Denise King said. "She really tries to perceive what's going on around the court to see what is going to happen next."

Because of NCAA regulations, coach Mary Taylor Cowles is unable to comment on Magley until she enrolls at Western.

"I would love to win a National Championship at Western, and I really feel that is attainable," Magley said.

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► Sports Clubs Roundup

◆ The ultimate frisbee club took first place in the semester tournament it hosted last weekend at the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sport Complex.

Western and Centre College, which placed second, were among seven teams to compete from around the region.

◆ The tennis club suffered

two losses this past weekend in a tournament hosted by Kentucky. The club lost 4-3 to Xavier and 6-1 to Kentucky.

"We really need to work on our doubles play," sophomore Gus Parks said.

◆ The women's field hockey club traveled to Transylvania last weekend to compete in a tourna-

ment, losing to Murray, 3-1.

◆ The roller hockey club was victorious last weekend, defeating the Smashing Pumpkins 12-4.

"They should make us play blindfolded," senior Eric Diego said. "That way we will have a challenge."

— Ed Lukins

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Miller struggled in his injury-plagued collegiate career, however.

After averaging 3.9 points in each of his first two seasons, Miller took a medical redshirt.

Miller averaged 9.7 points per game in 28 games as a junior and 6.7 points per game in 24 games as a senior.

The Toppers may end their current streak without the best player in Kentucky in the next couple of days.

The 2007 Mr. Basketball, Steffphon Pettigrew, is expected to announce his decision by the end of this week.

Pettigrew, a 6-foot-5-inch forward from Elizabethtown High School, averaged 33.7

points and 13.3 rebounds per game last season.

Pettigrew has narrowed his choices down to Western and Xavier.

Pettigrew's first choice, however, didn't offer him a scholarship.

According to the Lexington Herald-Leader, after Kentucky asked Pettigrew to wait two weeks for a possible scholarship evaluation, he crossed the Wildcats off his list.

With Louisville never on Pettigrew's wish list, what better way for revenge on the state's basketball mecca than to suit up for what Kentucky fans deem an in-state, second-rate program?

Nevermind that the second-rate program defeated the state's arrogant "super power" the last time the two matched up in 2001.

It's just a shame that Pettigrew may never get the chance to

avenge his shunning as the conceited state university looks past offers to play Western.

While it's much too early to say whether Pettigrew will be a bust like Miller, Topper fans can look to Tennessee guard Chris Lofton and Florida guard Corey Brewer from Tennessee, 2004 Mr. Basketballs cast aside by the boys in blue.

One thing is certain, Pettigrew's addition should make Western the overwhelming pre-season favorite to win the Sun Belt.

As Kentucky sits while recruits Patrick Patterson and Jai Lucas twiddle their thumbs, the state's proclaimed best may head to the Western part of the state.

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MIDWEEK

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Western spread 12 hits over nine batters (including pinch hitters) as two had multiple hits.

Sophomore left-fielder Matt Hightower went 2-6 with two runs. Hamilton went 2-5 with two runs and three RBIs.

Hamilton said the team will practice today and be ready for conference action this weekend.

Tuesday evening's contest ended with a little more suspense.

The Toppers trailed the Governors 6-5 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning.

Junior center-fielder Scott Kaskie stepped up to the plate

with two outs and one runner on.

Freshman pinch-hitter Tyler Bumgarner had reached first with a one-out single up the middle, and advanced to second when freshman left-fielder Troy Fraizer was thrown out at first.

Kaskie battled in his at-bat, foul-tipping three on two strikes. He reached first when he took a pitch in the middle of his bat.

"I was just trying to keep the game alive any way possible," Kaskie said. "In that situation,

you just gotta sit back and wait for a fastball to come to you. If not, adjust to a breaking ball."

With two outs and the winning run on first, Hamilton hit a grounder to the shortstop, ending the game.

"We're just not getting that big hit," coach Chris Finwood said. "We're getting the right guys up and they're not getting it. That's all you can do. You just gotta hope those kids will get back in the groove."

— Scott Kaskie
Junior center-fielder

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Notable
• Sophomore third baseman Rebecca Horesky and freshman catcher Rachelle Boucher, top two hitters in Sun Belt Conference games, went a combined 1-11 in Western's two losses yesterday.

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Kellie Manier/Herald
Rebecca Horesky (00) of Western slides across home plate as Kathryn Stauffer (23) of Florida Atlantic University, attempts to tag her out, but the umpire called Horesky safe.

Down 'n dirty

Florida Atlantic edges Lady Tops in two tight games

By Andrew Robinson
Herald reporter

Western and Florida Atlantic entered Wednesday's doubleheader in a tie for fourth place in the Sun Belt Conference standings. Two games later, the Lady Toppers (25-26, 8-9 SBC) found themselves two games behind the Owls (30-21, 10-7 SBC). Western lost the first game 1-0, and the second 6-5. "They were very tough wins," Owls coach Joan Joyce said. "They were very good games, very well played games." Each team answered each other throughout the night. FAU senior second-baseman Mandie Fishback hit a solo home run in the top of the first inning with two outs in the second game. The Lady Toppers came back in the bottom frame. Junior first-baseman Shelby Smith's single drove home senior left-fielder Alana

Towns to tie the game. Western scored two more on a chaotic play two batters later. Sophomore third-baseman Rebecca Horesky stole home on a Kathryn Stauffer wild pitch. Following Horesky's run, Stauffer strolled back to the circle and Smith snuck in behind her to score another run. "I saw their catcher wasn't paying attention," Smith said. "She was putting her helmet back on. I just felt that I could make it." FAU first-baseman Melissa Moore hit a two-run home run in the top of the second inning to tie the game at three. Both teams made early moves to the bullpen. Stauffer lasted just one and one-third innings. She gave up three runs on three hits. Sophomore Ryan Rogge lasted two innings before she was relieved by sophomore Jennifer Kempf.

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Daniel Houghton/Herald
Third basemen Rebecca Horesky high-fives sophomore center-fielder Sam Cronk during Wednesdays game against Florida Atlantic.

Box score

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Game 2 score by innings	R	H	E
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Win - Musillo (16-10). Loss - Kempf (16-15)			

Women's basketball

For WKU, brother knows best

Rhode Island's Magley transfers

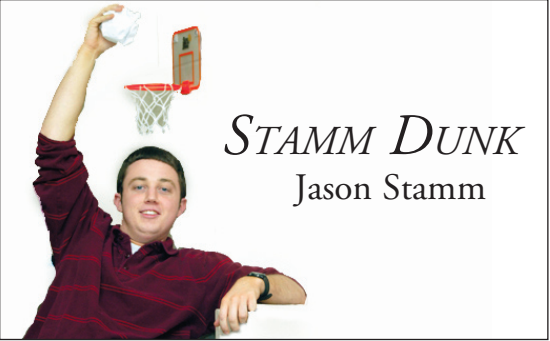
By David Harten
Herald reporter

Six months after the men's program added center D.J. Magley to their future roster, the Lady Toppers got a Magley of their own. Jessica Magley, older sister of Western men's signee D.J. Magley, announced that she will transfer from Rhode Island to continue her basketball career at Western on Tuesday. Magley said her brother helped influence her decision to transfer to the Hill. "I did some research to see if Western was a good fit for him," she said. "And the more I researched, the more I realized Western could be a great fit for me as well." The addition comes after sophomore guard Brianne Brown announced she would transfer from Western to her home state of California on April 13. Brown averaged 4.8 points and 3.1 rebounds per game last season.

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Column

Mr. Basketball would make nice addition



Though the last few years may not have indicated it, Western has a rich men's basketball history. Since Western joined the Sun Belt Conference in 1982, the Toppers have won seven regular season conference championships and five tournament championships and made a Sweet-16 appearance in 1993. And don't forget Western's Final Four appearance in 1971. With all that history, it may be hard for some fans to realize that no Kentucky Mr. Basketball has donned the Topper red and white uniform since Western's third season in the SBC. Former Western forward Steve Miller from Henry Clay High School was Mr. Basketball in 1984.

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Baseball

Topper confidence lacking after back-to-back midweek losses

Team goes to 2-7 record on midweek games

By Will Perkins
Herald reporter

While conference action is what really matters in baseball, it's the midweek games that can create momentum for those crucial weekend match-ups. The last time Western won a midweek contest was when it defeated Eastern Kentucky 16-7 on April 11. The Toppers (16-23, 8-10 Sun Belt Conference) lowered their midweek record to 2-7 on the season with a 16-11 loss to Eastern last night and a 6-5 loss to Austin Peay on Tuesday. Western now heads into a four-game home-stand against Arkansas-Little Rock (17-23,

5-12 SBC) at 6 p.m. tomorrow with a three-game losing streak. Wednesday marked the first time the Colonels defeated the Toppers since their 16-6 victory March 21, 2004, at Denes Field. The Toppers collected 15 hits when they defeated Eastern earlier this season, but recorded just 12 yesterday. The Colonels (17-20-1) took an early 6-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Western spent the next three innings compiling seven runs, only to give up another six to Eastern in the bottom of the fifth. "Nobody on our team really

gets down," senior designated hitter Casey Hamilton said. "We pretty much stay even-keeled." The Colonels compiled two runs in both the sixth and seventh innings while the Toppers scored once in the sixth. Down 16-8, Western rallied for one run in the eighth inning and two runs in the ninth. "We always try to fight and crawl back into it," Hamilton said. "We won't quit 'til the last out is made." Eastern used two pitchers through the seventh inning, opposed to the Toppers' five. The Colonels spread their 16 hits over their entire lineup as six batters had multiple hits.

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Kellie Manier/Herald
J.B. Paxson (34) hits a two-run homerun against Austin Peay, and Matt Payton (1) as well as the rest of the baseball team, cheer Paxson and Wade Gaynor (14) as they near home base.

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•The Earth Day festival features an environmental photography contest and a bicycle-powered smoothie machine.

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Tiffany Rouse, a junior from Evansville, Ind., talks with Louisville sophomore Alise Royles at the Downing University Center while hanging out with, from left to right, Louisville sophomore Brandon Smith, Louisville freshman Shalanna Taylor, Louisville junior Ian Brandon and Louisville junior Arielle Holt. “We’re in here every day, more so on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,” said Louisville junior Jorian Seay. “We are not DUC rats, I know some people who are though; we just come here to eat.”

Where everybody knows your name

Students flock to different Hill hangouts

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Some sit on cracked concrete steps, arguing about politics. Others sip exotic brews of coffee, foam high and steamed to perfection. Another group gossips about who did what and with who.

A few are in the shadows, throwing dice, hoping to win gas money.

The rest are glued to computer screens — fascinated by how many hits their page received.

They’re sometimes called the DUC Rats, the Garrett Center Free Spirits, the Java City Junkies, the Casino Kids and the Mass Media Techies.

On campus, students have chosen their favorite hangout spots.

DUC Lobby

The lobby of Downing University Center is filled with rats — “DUC Rats,” or students who hang out there for hours multiple times each day.

Lebanon freshman DaKara Hazelwood visits DUC six days a week, about three times a day.

She sits with friends, talking and reading flyers for events.

“A lot of people are always here,” she

said. “You get to hang out with your friends and see everybody.”

Back of Garrett

Some say the back of Garrett is for hippies. Bowling Green junior Joey Hudson said it’s for “conscious citizens,” or students aware of world issues.

Hudson and his friends eat there about three to five times a week.

They like to relax, talk and people watch. They often discuss global issues, munching on burritos and watching other students.

“We’re a bunch of monkeys,” he said.

“We’re in a zoo. We’re up here gawking at everybody gawking back at us.”

Java City

The Java City Junkies are usually “artsy” students, said Melissa Roberts, Java City employee.

The calm and friendly atmosphere attracts people to Java City, she said.

Leitchfield freshman Christopher Skaggs comes every morning and asks for the usual — a nice cup of steaming coffee.

“The drinks are good, but it’s really about the atmosphere,” he said. “Life’s just a little less hectic here.”

We’re up here gawking at everybody gawking back at us.

— Joey Hudson
Bowling Green junior

You get to hang out with your friends and see everybody.

— DaKara Hazelwood
Lebanon freshman

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on tap

Part one of a three-part series about the effects of college drinking

BG locals fill bars in summer

BY ELIZABETH WORSTER
Herald reporter

St. Patrick’s day, Cinco De Mayo, Derby and the Fourth of July might be reasons to drink, but for some college students, Tuesday and Thursday is just the right excuse.

Bowling Green bar and restaurant owners say they usually rely on college students to drive business in the area. But most don’t have problems when school’s out because local residents fill the void in the customer base.

Froggy’s manager Denny Montgomery, a Western alumnus, said he has seen a trend in bars when it comes to college students and locals.

“A lot of times, people don’t want to come out to a business that has a lot of college students,” he said.

Bars aren’t as crowded and locals have a chance to come when Western isn’t in session, said Craig Eversoll, owner of several bars in the city.

Eversoll said he’s been building the Bowling Green nightlife for 10 years. He owns Froggy’s, Good Tymes 2, The Brewing

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Column

Generosity has its limits



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Joey Leslie

I spent last summer in Cincinnati giving away tens of dollars in change to hobos.

That is until a seasoned city slicker told me I was merely enabling them in their homelessness.

She said they would leave the streets to find more productive means of income if people like me didn’t donate to their cause.

Initially, I thought she was just a greedy turd. But it turns out that she was a living example of what happens when your heart gets bled dry.

And I was only a foolhardy, hobo-enabler hoping to score some good karma by pitching a nickel in a cup.

In that way, generosity is more masturbatory than altruistic.

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GreenToppers encourage reducing, reusing, recycling

BY CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Recycling bins have sat in the lobbies of dorms across campus since March. Students walk past them carrying full trash bags to the dumpster, even though some of the items in the bags could have been recycled.

Christian Ryan-Downing, a graduate student from Springfield, Mo., and GreenToppers president, said recycling is the easiest way to help the environment, but students are often unaware of the impact they can make by recycling and simply turning off lights.

The GreenToppers, a club that began in January, are students advocating a sustainable campus. The group is hosting

an Earth Day festival from 11:30 a.m to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow on DUC South Lawn.

A sustainable campus is a campus that saves energy and makes the best use of the products it has, Ryan-Downing said. A sustainable campus provides students with the knowledge and tools to make wiser decisions about how people live, resulting in a better future for ourselves and generations to come.

Ryan-Downing said the group’s goal is to make students aware of problems in the environment and educate them on how to solve them.

During the festival, there will be information booths, guest speakers and live music.

Several Bowling Green

businesses, such as Lost River Cave and the Humane Society, will have giveaways and information about sustainability, Ryan-Downing said.

The festival also includes an environmental photography contest, a showcase of various hybrid cars and a bicycle-powered smoothie machine.

Ryan-Downing said she thinks awareness is especially important on campus because Western has an “enormous” impact on the environment.

Universities have the responsibility to practice sustainability, she said.

GreenToppers Adviser Ouida Meier, a project specialist in biology, said the

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During a meeting of the GreenToppers, a group focused on campus sustainability, Helen Siewers, Bowling Green Greenways coordinator, illustrates the planned path of the bike trails that will be constructed in Bowling Green. “We want to make WKU a greener campus,” GreenToppers President Shaden Melky said. “We’re trying to reduce our ecological footprint.”



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Jason Lee

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Every tale has a twist; every life has a passion. What’s your story?

Theater major develops a passion for advertising

BY HEATHER RYAN
Herald reporter

One of Jason Lee’s most important possessions is the one he carries every day on his back. It’s a tattoo of a wave crashing over a lotus flower.

It’s not some random tattoo he chose from a book. It’s inscribed with the words “grandma and grandpa” in Korean, dedicated to his family.

Lee, a senior from Elizabethtown, was adopted by his Korean stepfather, a man he considers his father, when he was a child. Not really communicating with his mother’s parents, he was welcomed by his newfound family with open arms and unconditional love.

Even when his grandfather, whom Lee admires for his diligence in keeping his family together during the Korean War, died a few years ago, one of the last sentences he spoke to Lee was, “I always thought of you as a grandson,” Lee said.

His family, especially his mother and stepfather, inspired him to get an education and pursue his ambition, he said.

“A sense of family to me is the most important thing in the world,” Lee said.

Lee came to Western on a theater scholarship, but his

curiosity for a journalism class called electronic technologies led his dreams elsewhere, he said.

After taking a class from Kelley Coppinger, an advertising professional-in-residence, he decided to pursue a double major in advertising and theater.

“This is what he really wants to do,” Coppinger said, referring to advertising.

Lee said he thanks Coppinger for getting him into something he loves; something he still can’t believe he will get paid to do one day.

“She’s so awesome, she’s like a godmother to me,” he said.

His work can be a play on photography or totally self-created images and logos, often recreating local logos that he doesn’t like. Lee likes having a creative edge.

His advertising major keeps him so busy that he got an internship for this summer with the Louisville agency Doe Anderson. Lee will help with creative art direction on the Special Olympics advertising campaign.

Although Lee loves the creative part of his life, he insists he doesn’t know what he’d do

without his friends.

“They’re like brothers to me,” he said, referring to four of his closest friends.

His best friend, Nashville senior Alex Heidebreicht, said that Lee stumbled upon their friendship.

“He saw me walking to work one day and he gave me a ride, that was that,” Heidebreicht said.

Heidebreicht added that in style, they may appear to be total opposites because Heidebreicht dresses “preppy” and Lee dresses “punk,” but they get along well.

“I know it may sound cliché, but he’s always there for me when I need him,” Heidebreicht said.

Lee considers his only roommate, Andy, to be his “son.” Andy is a black, white and gray cat that Lee pampers. Lee dresses Andy up, takes pictures of him and even has him tagged on his Facebook profile.

Even though Lee has a year left until he graduates, he said he’s ready to see the world.

“I want to travel,” he said. “I want to go everywhere, I don’t know how but I want to.”

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Campus life

Miss Black Western to be crowned tonight

BY CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Tonight, one passionate woman will wear the crown naming her Miss Black Western 2007.

Miss Black Western is held by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority every year. It is open to female Western students.

Miss Black Western 2006 Kimberlee Robinson, a sophomore from Nashville, will pass down her crown at 7 p.m. in DUC Theater. Robinson speaks about the event:

Q: What is the Miss Black Western pageant?

A: Miss Black Western is a pageant created to instill self-confidence, poise in African-American women on campus.

Q: Who is Miss Black Western?

A: Miss Black Western is someone who is confident; who carries herself like a lady. It’s someone who is beautiful on the inside and out.

Q: What have you done since you won Miss Black Western?

A: Since my title, I have created a mentorship program targeting incoming freshman women, and it’s called “Sisters Inspiring Sisters.” It’s basically a program that sets incoming freshman up with a mentor, like an accountability partner, throughout the year. From this pageant, I’ve gained my mentor program, and I also got a book scholarship.

Q: What did you learn from participating in the pageant last year?

A: You really learn how to deal with other people and different personalities. It’s really a self challenge, and you gain a lot of relationships.

Q: What are the participants judged on?

A: First, there is an introduction dance, spring walk, formal and a question and

answer session. They are judged on their poise, the way they walk and their overall appearance. Just the way they carry themselves.

Q: What role have you played in the preparation of the pageant?

A: I have helped the girls prepare by giving them advice. Other than that I have played a pretty hands-off role. I will crown this year’s winner.

Q: Why is Miss Black Western an important event?

A: As African-Americans, we are a minority on campus. There aren’t very many opportunities like this. It gives us a chance to get together and it gives the girls a chance to better themselves and get a book scholarship.

Tickets are \$4 with a Western ID or \$3 for Greek organization members. They are \$7 without a Western ID. Kids 5 and under get in free.

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April showers bring problems

BY CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

As rain runs down the Hill, the water, old Coke bottles and plastic wrappers drift into storm drains. In most cities, it would all go into a large pipe to be sanitized. But since the city's founding, Bowling Green storm water runs into nearby caves and rivers.

Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction, said there are two main ways other cities deal with storm water. They either have one pipe that both storm water and sewage go through to eventually be sanitized or they have a separate pipe for each. Bowling Green is unique because it uses a pipe for sewage and then the caves for storm water management.

He said the solids collected by storm water before it goes into a drain pose major environmental problems. Western and Warren County officials are looking at new methods for storm water management to help the environment and prevent flooding.

Rho Lansden, executive director of Lost River Caves, said car oil and agricultural products, such as fertilizer, can contaminate the water that runs throughout Kentucky cave systems and rivers.

If the whole underground water system is contaminated, it pollutes drinking water and water used for agriculture, Ault said.

Although the current storm water management process causes environmental problems, building a pipe for the water would be expensive for both Western and the city, Ault said. "Eventually, we will have to mutually invest in a storm water run-off system," he said.

Jack Wright, coordinator of the Warren County office of storm water management, said the county is coming up with ways to make the storm water



Daniel Houghton/Herald

Part-time faculty member Heather Kossick, left, and 14-year-old Kandi Haman run to Kossick's car from Tate Page Hall Tuesday during a sudden rain storm.

cleaner instead of creating a new place to send it.

"We can't keep it from going to the caves," Wright said. "Ultimately, it is going to go there anyway."

He said it is more logical to decrease contamination so sending the water to the caves isn't a problem.

The county is actively making contracting companies aware of the Clean Water Act. The act outlines water quality standards and technology-based limitations to protect the water, according to a summary of the act.

Western is considering less expensive, environmentally friendly ways to manage storm water.

"We want to make sure that our campus is not damaging water in the area anymore," Ault said.

Ault recently traveled to a conference in Maryland about ways to manage storm water.

One possible solution is to create ponds and creeks that catch the water and add to the landscape of campus, which would add to the campus's ecosystem, he said.

In 2003, Western put two large holding tanks under the Creason lot to help with drainage, Ault said. Then it goes through a large vortex that pretreats the water.

"There's a lot of new technology coming out now that can help us," he said.

The projects also help prevent flooding.

Ginny Griffin, Parking Services operations manager, said that even though the Creason lot has been fixed, there is still a

flood plane in the Pearce-Ford lot. There are signs posted next to the parking spots that flood when the drains are full.

She said parking services has had no flooding complaints this year.

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Tips to stay dry during the rainy season

- ◆ Carry a heavy umbrella to class. It could pour at any moment, and you'll need a strong umbrella that will last in the wind.
- ◆ Rain boots are a great way to avoid having wet pant legs. You can also roll your pant legs up. Staying dry will keep you warm.
- ◆ If you forget an umbrella, stay dry by covering up with a sweat shirt or water-proof jacket.

GENEROSITY

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I know lots of people who say they'd undress and give the shirt off their back to someone in need. But if such transactions of goodwill actually transpired, I think I'd be seeing a lot more people running around in ill-fitting T-shirts.

Maybe many of them sell the shirt for a pack of smokes or use it to catch their dinner.

It could be the cynicism (lobbed onto me from years of studying journalism) talking, but I think many people are afraid to be altruistic.

Perhaps, rightfully so. Once you give someone your shirt, they're likely to want your pants, too.

And, depending on how cute (and clean) your undies are, they might attempt to guilt you into nudity.

A scary thought for some people who draw the line of generosity right above their jeans.

Rationally, one could argue that you can still go about your business after giving away

your shirt. But you'll be incapacitated if you give away your pants.

By that rationale, our generosity should help others without causing detriment to ourselves.

I often lose sight of this widely accepted, but unspoken, cultural norm.

I'm always down to help the less fortunate. I'll offer an ear for their hard-knock story, a shoulder for their tears. Or toss some loose change at them if I'm in a rush.

But I've found that once I start giving, I find it difficult to know when to stop. Sometimes I concern myself so much with the misfortunes of others that I begin to feel I owe them something.

Last summer, I rationalized reasons to give more and more money to beggars each day. I've had an easy life, why not give some change? I'm the only child of divorced parents, I can afford to donate to this unlucky soul.

I'm not saying I skipped a meal in order to give them spare change, but that demonstrates the kind of reasoning that allows people to be taken

advantage of.

If I give away my shirt, I start thinking I should just go ahead and empty out my closet.

I find myself aiding and abetting selfish friends in a similar way.

I recently found myself stranded in the parking lot outside a party.

My best friend, trying to orchestrate a sexcapade, had long forgotten that my keys and wallet were in her purse and had high-tailed it to Waffle House with our sober driver.

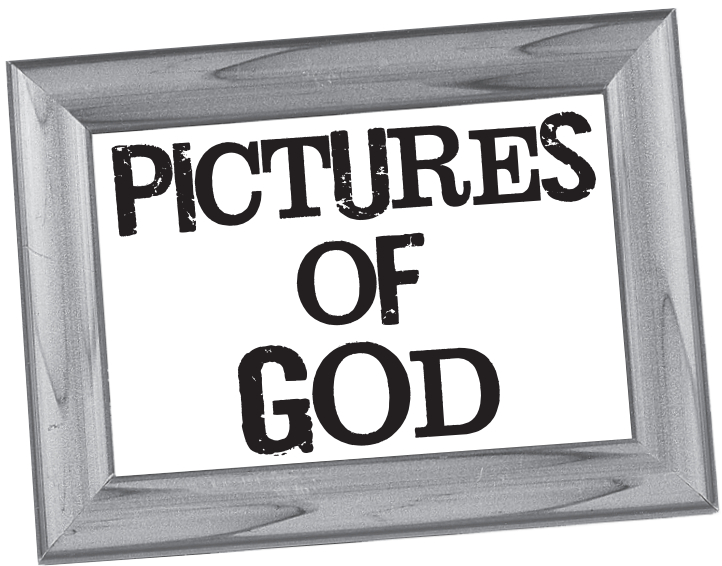
That's when I decided I have to learn not to let goodwill turn into great-will or take-what-ever-you-want-will.

Because what goes around only comes back around when it's something I don't want.

But until I do, I'm carrying around an extra T-shirt.

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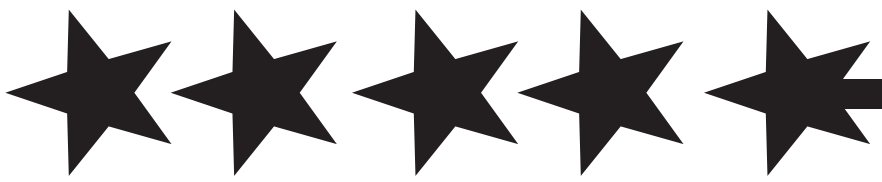
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BARS

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Company, what used to be the Deuce and Motor City Bar and Grill. He also owns the designated driver bus that takes people to and from his bars.

Eversoll said the people who move away to go to college move back home during the summer, and there is not really a change in business.

“Historically, we have done very well during summer months,” he said

Some businesses are affected when students go home for the summer, such as Chuck’s Liquor Outlet and Red Barn Liquor.

Marsha Piper, manager of Chuck’s, said that the location of the store on Veteran’s Memorial Boulevard relies on college students because it is so close to campus.

Chuck’s receives about 60 to 65 percent of its business from college students, especially on an average Thursday night, when older customers are mostly replaced by college students.

The store gets 20 percent of its business just from wine sales because it is socially more acceptable to college-age females, Piper said.

The business at the store is hard to compare to other places such as bars, because the bars sell the drinks by the glass or shot, she said.

“In bars, you rarely see anyone cut off,” Piper said. “Here in the liquor business, even if we smell it, we’re not supposed to sell it.”

Red Barn Liquors on 31-W



Courtney Hergesheimer/Herald
Dalana Hall of Morehead sits on the lap of her boyfriend, Jared Bolton, a 2005 Western graduate from Leitchfield last Friday at The Brewing Company in downtown Bowling Green.

Bypass is another liquor store that is close to campus. Manager Kirit Titeo said college students tend to buy a lot of the inexpensive alcohol on the shelves. Besides vodka, a prominent seller, students tend to buy beers, such as Keystone and Bud Light.

Restaurants also rely on college students for business.

Most 24-hour restaurants, such as Steak ‘n Shake and Waffle House, see the majority of their business from patrons arriving when city bars close for the night, said Linda Drewer, Waffle House district manager.

Drewer said the restaurant

closer to campus has to hire and schedule staff members differently than the other two stores because of the crowd size on Thursdays.

The restaurant needs to get ready for the crowd volume and the potential for trouble, she said. The restaurant has security guards monitoring the front to keep everything under control.

“When you are drinking, you tend to think you are smarter and stronger, and so does the other guy,” she said.

Intoxicated college students also tend to tip more when they are out because to them everything is wonderful, she said.

Burkesville senior Dusty Stearns said he goes out Tuesday through Saturday, and he spends about \$120 each week at bars, including trips to The Brewing Company and Betty’s Bar.

Froggy’s has been open since January and has been doing well in business.

Eversoll said Froggy’s is a lot different in its concept than Baker Boys Bar and Grill, the former business that was in the location, and it offers a lunch and dinner menu.

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Jake Stevens/Herald
The Tito brothers began producing Rolling Rock beer in 1939, according to the Rolling Rock Web site. The family said it only takes 33 steps to brew the beer.



Jake Stevens/Herald
Though shot glass sizes vary, a regular glass holds 1.5 ounces of liquor, which is equivalent to the amount in one standard drink.

RECYCLING

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members want to work on projects that will interest students and get them involved.

“It keeps people aware of their actions,” she said.

Recycling programs are a GreenTopper priority because recycling is a significant activity, Meier said. Reusing aluminum, paper and plastics can greatly reduce the amount of waste.

Recycling is something that

students can make a part of their routine, she said.

The GreenToppers are planning on working with the dorms to increase recycling.

In addition to recycling, they are learning about and planning other sustainability projects.

Ryan-Downing said the club

toured Berea College in Berea to see what one university is doing to create a sustainable campus.

According to Berea College’s Web site, its administration building is certified in leadership in energy and environmental design by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The council was created to promote environmentally friendly design and recognizes highly sustainable buildings, according to the Web site.

“It’s amazing,” Ryan-Downing said. “All lights are motion-censored and there are beautiful built-in recycling cabinets on every floor.”

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The Green Toppers are planning on planting a herb garden outside of Downing University Center and are urging ARAMARK food services to serve more locally grown foods.

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Faculty and staff

Band director takes over at South Florida

By Nina Bosken
Herald reporter

John Carmichael will soon be leaving the Hill for the warm Florida weather.

Carmichael, director of Western bands, is leaving Western for a position at the University of South Florida.

Carmichael directs the wind ensemble and teaches conducting classes. He has been at Western for 14 years.

Carmichael said he doesn't know who will take his job or if the music department is conducting a search.

Music Department Head Mitzi Groom declined to comment on what the department will do to replace Carmichael.

She said Carmichael hasn't

submitted a letter of resignation.

Eric Smedley, who is in charge of the athletic bands, said the department is already looking for a replacement for him. He said he's leaving to pursue a doctorate at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Carmichael said the decision to leave was hard. In Florida, he'll help develop a doctorate of musical arts in conducting, teach conducting to graduate students and conduct the top wind ensemble.

He said he'll get to work more in conducting, which he's looking forward to.

"On the professional basis, it was a no-brainer," Carmichael said.

But he said it was hard to

leave because he likes his students and Western.

"I think I've had some of the best band students anyone could ever want here at Western," he said.

He said it was also hard for his wife, because she is the director of the public library in Bowling Green.

He said he didn't decide to accept the job until she was comfortable with the change.

Carmichael said he was offered the same job in Florida last year, but he turned it down because he would've gone without tenure and a pay raise.

Now he can keep his tenure and he's getting a raise, he said.

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Campus government

Shelton big on communication

By Jessica VanWinkle
Herald reporter

The new Student Government Association speaker of the senate said she'll help students appreciate what SGA is and provide communication between the executive council and the senate.

Kayla Shelton, student affairs chairwoman and a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn., was elected speaker of the senate in a 9-8 vote by the SGA senate.

She ran against Pineville sophomore Reagan Gilley.

The speaker of the senate is responsible for directing SGA meetings and representing the organization's legislative branch to the executive branch.

Both candidates were qualified, SGA Chief Justice Matt Holland said after announcing

the results to the senate.

Shelton said she can improve the communication of the senate.

She'll help bring senators' opinions to the executive council. She said she's open-minded and will try to help the senate in any way she can.

Shelton said she has been the student affairs chairwoman for the past year.

She helped get healthier meal-plan options and distinguish meal plan time limits.

She sat in on various committee meetings, wrote legislation and is currently a member of the University Senate.

Nicholasville freshman Christian Cullip, who spoke on Shelton's behalf, said she'll listen to what the senators want.

She has worked hard as the student affairs chairwoman, and she'll work hard as speaker of the senate, he said.

Shelton said she has discussed with Johnathon Boles, current speaker of the senate, how to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Boles will be executive vice president next year.

Shelton said she'll work with Boles and do whatever it takes, including meeting with him during the summer, to learn as much about being speaker as she can.

Shelton said she knows parliamentary procedure well because she used it in high school.

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Campus government

University Senate elects new chair, vice chair

By Jessica VanWinkle
Herald reporter

The new University Senate chairwoman won the position easily — no one ran against her.

But people who work with her said that's not the only reason she won the position.

The University Senate elected Julie Shadoan, assistant professor and director of the paralegal studies program, as its new chairwoman at its April 19 meeting.

The University Senate charter states that University Senate must select a chair, vice chair and secretary annually. The terms of chair, vice chair and secretary begin their election at a meeting held near the end of the spring semester.

Shadoan said she wants to help the less-experienced faculty members learn about faculty governance as soon as possible.

Shadoan said she has been involved in senate committees since her second semester as a full-time faculty member, and she has served as chair of the

university curriculum committee for the past two years.

"Chairing the senate seemed like a very natural progression for me," Shadoan said.

Shadoan said she wants faculty members to be confident in their leadership and representation on campus.

She said she hopes she can address faculty concerns.

"I believe most senators are interested in seeing that the faculty voice is heard and respected by administration and the board," Shadoan said.

Johnathon Boles, university senator and Student Government Association speaker of the senate, said he's confident that Shadoan will work hard as chair.

She ran the curriculum committee efficiently, Boles said.

Skylar Jordan, a university senator and SGA director of academic and student affairs, said Shadoan is experienced and has worked hard as chair of the curriculum committee.

Jordan said Shadoan has the drive and the will to work

with the faculty.

"The faculty has confidence in her to lead," Jordan said.

Denise Gravitt, assistant professor of architect and manufacturing sciences, is the vice chair. Boles nominated him.

Gravitt is outspoken, and he'll be a great leader as vice chair, Boles said.

Jordan agreed, saying Gravitt is opinionated, which is what the University Senate needs.

Gravitt won't back down about something the faculty is passionate about or something that she's passionate about, Jordan said.

Jordan said he'll sit on the executive committee with Shadoan and Gravitt and they'll do an amazing job.

"They're two remarkable women," Jordan said.

Assistant Math Professor Michelle Hollis was the previous senate chairwoman. She was elected in spring 2006.

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HANGOUTS

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He likes to sit in the cushioned chairs with his coffee and converse with the employees.

"Really, he comes back here for me," Roberts said, laughing.

Between Poland Hall and Pearce-Ford Tower

The dice are rolled. Crumpled dollar bills lay on the grass as eyes nervously dart back and forth from the dice to the money.

It is the "Casino." Late at night, several students like to

get together to play craps, a dice game, with the hopes of being the lucky winner.

Regulars at the Casino declined to comment, because gambling on campus is illegal.

Mass Media and Technology Hall

Even though Mass Media and Technology Hall's computer lab was designed for studying, it has become MySpace and Facebook central.

"There are some who study, some groups that are meeting — but mostly people are hanging out, checking MySpace and talking on the phone ... really loud," said Cleveland junior Marie

Meszaros, a lab consultant.

Meszaros said one of the prime times that students visit the lab is between 11:30 p.m. and 3 a.m.

People will come after partying and check their e-mail, she said.

Western's campus has a wide array of locations students can choose from when deciding a favorite place. So whether a student is a DUC rat who skips class to see who may walk by, or a Techie obsessed with who posted on their wall, Western will always have quirky hangouts to fit everyone's niche.

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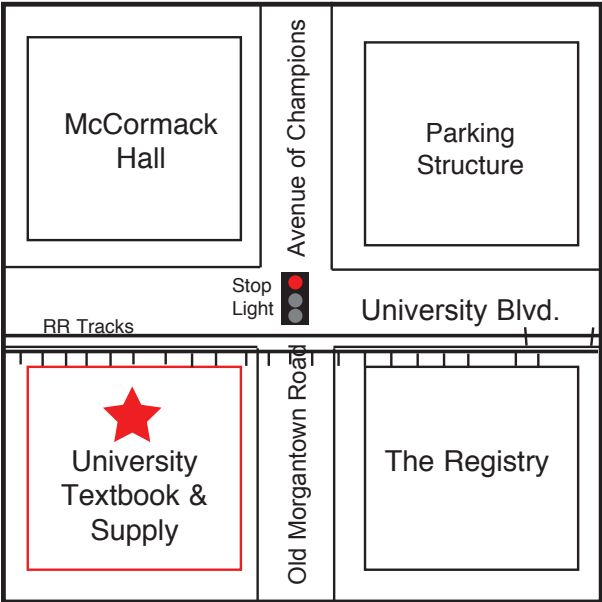


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